

For approximately nine years the life skills training model for Transition Age Youth (TAY) in Los Angeles County has been facilitated through the Individualized Transition Skills Program (ITSP) contract with Children's Institute Incorporated (CII) and The Community College Foundation (TCCF).

The ITSP contract has been consistent with the Los Angeles County Board Motion to ensure self-sufficiency, and the goals of the program are consistent with the requirements created to fulfill the Chafee Act's eight Chafee Outcome measures (1. Receiving a high school diploma, 2. Educational attainment, 3. Employment, 4. Avoidance of dependency, 5. Avoidance of homelessness, 6. Avoiding non-marital childbirth, 7. Avoiding incarceration, and 8. Avoiding high-risk behaviors).

An ITSP evaluation was conducted in 2017 and feedback from the youth and their caregivers that participated suggested that the program was successful in helping TAY with attainment of self-sufficiency. In addition, the Casey Life Skills Assessment scores for TAY improved, which indicated that youth acquired and improved upon new knowledge and skills.

Beginning January 1, 2024, CII will no longer provide ITSP services, and TCCF will be the sole provider for the ITSP contract for Los Angeles County.

CII and TCCF have created a collaborative and comprehensive transition plan, and are expeditiously working to support seamless service delivery for newly referred TAY, as well as ensuring the continuum of services for youth currently in the program. Youth referred to CII ITSP after November 1, 2023 will be invited to an ITSP virtual Open House series. Caregivers and CSW's are also welcome to attend.

The virtual Open House series will support a smooth transition for newly CII referred ILP youth to the TCCF program. Topics covered will include:

- Overview of ITSP and available services
- Information about the transition from CII to TCCF
- The expected transition timeline and contact information for TCCF

Below are the dates and times of the ITSP virtual Open House sessions and the link to join.

ITSP Open House

Tuesday 11/28/23 4pm-5pm

<https://childrensinstitute.zoom.us/j/2339526850>

ITSP Open House

Tuesday 12/12/23 4pm-5pm

<https://childrensinstitute.zoom.us/j/2339526850>

ITSP Open House

Monday 12/18/23 4pm-5pm

<https://childrensinstitute.zoom.us/j/2339526850>

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